



## *Minnesota Valley NWR/WMD 2015 Resource Management Internships*

**Location:** Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) is located in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan area, just down the street from the Mall of America. Despite its urban setting, the Refuge is a haven to bald eagles, river otters, migratory birds, and a variety of other wildlife. The Refuge comprises over 15,000 acres which lie along a 70-mile stretch of the Minnesota River. Habitat includes a mixture of wetlands, floodplain and upland forest, oak savanna, and prairie. The Refuge also manages a 14-county Wetland Management District (WMD), which includes 29 Waterfowl Production Areas and wetland and grassland easements encompassing more than 9,000 acres.

*We will be hiring both Refuge and WMD interns from this announcement.*

**Refuge Intern Duties may include, but are not limited to:** Plant and invertebrate surveys in prairies and wetlands, invasive species removal and mapping, water level management, public education, pollinator surveys, and boundary posting.

**WMD Intern Duties may include, but are not limited to:** Parking lot installation, boundary posting, invasive species control and mapping, tractor and skid steer operation (training provided), grassland monitoring surveys, habitat assessments, and public education and outreach.



**Benefits:** Housing may be provided in a dorm located at our Rapids Lake Unit in Carver, Minnesota. Government vehicles will be provided for official duties. A personal vehicle is recommended (but not required) for non-duty activities. The internship will run 12 weeks from late May-August, with the intern being paid a stipend of at least \$100 per week. Work schedule will be 40 hours/week and may include occasional evenings/weekends. Staff will work with students to fulfill internship credit requirements at colleges and universities if requested.

**Qualifications:** Interested applicants should be physically fit, able to work independently or in small groups, have excellent verbal/writing skills, and have a background in biology, botany, forestry, ecology, or a related field. Basic computer skills and a valid driver's license are required. Experience in operating canoes, ATV's, farm equipment, mowers, GPS, and GIS should be noted on resume.

**To Apply:** The following must be received by **February 22, 2015:** 1) a one-page cover letter describing personal background and interests, specifically noting if you want to be considered for the **Refuge Internship, WMD Internship or both internships;** 2) a detailed resume noting education, experience, and skills; 3) unofficial college transcripts; 4) two letters of recommendation including the name, affiliation, address, telephone, and email address of each person writing a letter.

Information should be sent to: **Vicki Sherry, Wildlife Biologist, Minnesota Valley NWR/WMD, 3815 American Blvd East, Bloomington, MN 55425.**

For additional information, contact Vicki Sherry at 952-858-0723 or [Vicki\\_Sherry@fws.gov](mailto:Vicki_Sherry@fws.gov) or [http://www.fws.gov/refuge/minnesota\\_valley](http://www.fws.gov/refuge/minnesota_valley).